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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby requests an extension of time of one months for responding to the final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 6, 2006 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the March 6, 2006 final Office Action was originally due July 6, 2006.

Enclosed is a check covering the \$120.00 statutory extension fee for filing a response within the first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Accordingly, the due date for responding to the March 6, 2006 final Office Action is now July 6, 2006, and the Request for Continued Examination submitted concurrently herewith is being timely filed.

The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any other required fees, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,

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